

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 13 of page 31 as follows:

~~Plant transformation vectors may be derived from the Ti or root-inducing (Ri) plasmids from *Agrobacterium tumifaciens* (Figure 7). Fungal or viral vectors are disclosed, for example, by Herrera-Estrella et al. (1983), Bevan (1984), Klee et al. (1985) and EPO patent application Pub. No. 120,516.~~

Plant transformation vectors may be derived from the Ti or root-inducing (Ri) plasmids from *Agrobacterium tumifaciens* (Figure 7) (Herrera-Estrella et al., *Nature* 303:209-213 (1983); Bevan et al. *Nucl. Acids Res.* 12:8711-8721(1984) and EPO patent application Pub. No. 120,516).

SUMMARY

Applicants respectfully request that the amendments to the specification listed herein be entered into the record.

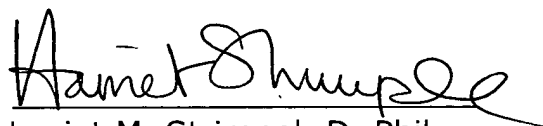
Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the remarks made herein, the undersigned attorney would appreciate the opportunity to do so. Thus, the Examiner is hereby authorized to call the undersigned collect at the number shown below.

Respectfully submitted,

NEW ENGLAND BIOLABS, INC.

Date: February 10, 2005

Customer No.: 28986

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harriet Strimpel", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Harriet M. Strimpel, D. Phil.

(Reg. No.: 37,008)

Attorney for Applicant

32 Tozer Road

Beverly, Massachusetts 01915

(978) 927-5054; Ext. 373